As minorities, we have a long way to go. At this conference, I was able to meet various individuals who had similar interests in terms college level teaching and administration. I was able to challenge my mind by engaging with people who were of different fields of study.

In Dr. Thompson's session on Professional Development Advisory Teams, that if we want to be a genius, then we need to have several people who will surround us in setting and meeting our goals. If we do not have goals, we will not be able to reach the next level. We have to be willing to increase our network so that we can get to the "genius" level. You have to be serious professionally when working with this advisory team. You need to be around people who are going in the same direction that you are going. Be mindful of who you tell your vision too.

Barbara Fredricksen - book on positivity

In Dr. Brown's session on Building Your Professional Network, I learned that it is important to network at each professional occasion that I attend. In working with others, it is important to keep in contact with the people that I have met. Connecting through email is the best way to stay in contact and maintain relationships. Also, research is often done through connecting relationships that are formed at professional organizations.

In the PreCollege Programs session, I learned that it is important to keep our kids active in programs during the summer. Too often, our young people are not occupied during the summer and they end up having to learn the academic information all over again. With the handout that was given, many students will be able to attend summer programs at the nation's best colleges and universities.

Overall, I learned a lot at the conference (professionally and academically). I was able to connect with many instructors from various universities. Also, I was able to mentor other graduate students on their career path. It was amazing to see young people who wanted to pursue higher education. I look forward to attending the next conference and networking with more academics and students who want to see KABHE/EKU grow in the future.

This conference can help any participant to grow in their role in academia. It can also encourage them to submit topics that can assist other students/faculty in their career. This conference is helpful because EKU can be represented in a positive light especially on the note of diversity.

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